Induction of PSs in US Grade

982. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to stop induction of PSs in US Grade and participation of PAs in SO Exams;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether representations have been received from the concerned Stenographers Federation/Associations against the unilateral recommendations of the Brahma Committee, etc. in this matter; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to ensure justice to the Stenographers community by maintaining *status quo*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) The Departmental Committee on Cadre Restructuring of the Central Secretariat Service has, in its report submitted on 28.02.2002, made several recommendations which, *inter alia*, includes stoppage of induction of PSs in US Grade and participation of PAs in SO Exam. There have been representations from the Associations representing the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service. The report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

Settlement of Anomalies Received from Departmental Council of DoP&T

983. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 590 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th July, 2001 and state:

(a) whether any progress has since been made in the matter of settlement of anomalies received from the staff side of Departmental Council (JCM) of DoP&T;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the action taken/proposed to be taken against the defaulting officers for keeping the issues pending for such a long time?